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1. Prior to 10 October 1951, the Soviet troops from the Rifle Barracks in Gyöer (P 48/Y 44) were away from the post. Local residents said that, prior to the departure of the troops for the training area, armored and motor vehicles had been stationed there and that an officer named [redacted] (phonetic) (fnu), was commander of a tank unit. Up to 10 October, [redacted] who wore black service color. The installation contained six two-story barracks buildings measuring 70 x 16 meters each, and eight brick garages. (1)

2. On 9 October, source saw several Soviet soldiers wearing black service color, four trucks and some horse-drawn vehicles on the Neuwirth lumber yard just north of the junction of the Rabca River and the Little Danube River. Source saw [redacted] leaving the lumber yard which had been occupied by a small Soviet unit since the end of the war. From 30 to 40 soldiers were stationed there in early October. (2)

3. A Soviet ATO office staffed by four officers was permanently located at the Gyöer railroad station. The officers wore civilian clothes almost exclusively and only forwarded Soviet military trains. No Soviet troop trains passed through Gyöer between 24 September and 10 October, but the Soviet leave train running between Vienna and Budapest went through Gyöer daily. On 7 October, about 70 Soviet soldiers with bags and cardboard containers arrived at the railroad station and left for the Rifle Barracks. [redacted]

4. Residents of Gyöerszabadhegy said that the Soviet troops from the Artillery Barracks were also away from the post. (4) Local residents also said that the former poorhouse in the western sector of the town, north of the trunk line to Hegyeshalom (P 48/Y 06), had been vacated and reestablished as a Soviet hospital with about 200 beds.

5. The Rakoczy Barracks, formerly Frigyes Barracks, was guarded by Hungarian sentries with green service color until 10 October. Local residents said that the Hungarian troops from the installation were away from the post. A few soldiers but no vehicles or weapons were seen in the billeting area. (5) The vehicles parking lot guarded by Hungarian soldiers with green service color was located [redacted] the main railroad station and directly south of the double-track trunk line to Budapest. Local residents said that the vehicles of the Hungarian unit in the Rakoczy

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Barracks were parked there, but only one truck stood on the lot in early October. The section of the parking lot along the railroad line, just east of the crossing point for pedestrians, contained 8 new garages, each measuring about 45 x 15 meters with numerous doors on the two long sides; 1 guard house, and 1 workshop. About 30 boats, each about 8 meters long, were lying in the southern section of the parking lot which was fenced in by barbed-wire.

6. The barracks installation on the west side of Kabok Lajos Street, formerly Teleki Street, was occupied by a Hungarian border guard unit. (6) A construction worker said that a new building was constructed for military purposes east of the city and of the airfield on the south bank of the Little Danube River. The reconditioned five-story building of the former revenue office housed an AVH school since the summer of 1951. The trainees there, who had come from all parts of the country, wore blue service color. About 40 AVH members with blue service color were billeted in a former apartment house on Battyanyi Square. (7)

25X1A [redacted] omments.

- (1) According to previous information, one of the two tank regiments and an artillery component of the 17th Gds Mecz Div are carried in the Rifle Barracks. [redacted]

25X1A (2) Soviet troops are reported for the first time at the lumber yard. The black service color and the location of the yard along the river are indicative of an engineer unit. [redacted]

25X1C [redacted] it may belong to GHQ units of the Central Group of Forces. 25X1C

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(4) The identity of the units in the Artillery Barracks has not been established.

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- (5) A report of March 1951 said that the Frigyes Barracks were occupied by Hungarian infantry and artillery units. [redacted]. The troops were probably still in a summer camp or participated in fall maneuvers by early October 1951. 25X1A

(6) A Hungarian border guard battalion was last reported to be quartered in the barracks installation on Teleki Street in March 1951. [redacted] 25X1A

- (7) A river police school was reported in Gyöer in May 1951. [redacted] 25X1A
- It is possible that the river police is part of the AVH and that the AVH school may be the previously reported river police school.

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